Dublin, Ianuary, 31. 1641.

Exceeding good Newes FROM IRELAND

Certified by Letters sent from *Thomas Lancton*, Secretarie unto Sir *Charles Coote*, one of the chiefe Commanders of his Majesties Infanterie in *Dublin*.

Containing these particulars,

First, The taking of the strong Castle of *Eniskenning* from the Rebels, wherein the Rebels had stored the Ammunition and Provision that was sent them both from *Dunkirke* and *Nantes* in *France*.

Secondly, A Catalogue of every parcell either of Armes or Provision there taken in that Castle.

Thirdly, The number of the Rebels that were slaine in that Castle, And also what men were lost on our side.

By the last Post, *February*, 8. 1641.

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THurſday *Jan.* 27. eſcaped an Iriſhman ſervant unto the Rebell *Mackmaroth*, out of the ſtrong Caſtle of *Eniskenning*, being hardly vſed, as it appeared by his Maſter in his Vsquebath, and threatned by him the next morning to be hanged over the Caſtle Gate, the Iriſhman named *Charles Macke Fadding*, ſeemed outwardly to ſlight his Maſters words, as ſpoken, if not in Ale, yet in Usquebath as able a liquor, but belike for all that not intending to try the event, about 3. of the clocke in the morning he came his wayes (at the third relieving of their watch, when they were ſomewhat buſie in taking off and putting on freſh men) without taking leave of his Maſter, and forthwith to *Dublin*, and when he came to the Iriſh Forces lying betweene us and him, under the command of the Baſtard *Marocke*, *Thomas Barry*, *David Butler*, and *Peter Oneale*, pretending ſecrecy, and forging correſpondency betwixt his Maſter and the City, was not onely let paſſe without ſuſpition, but applauded in the deſigne, when hee came to *Dublin* hee ſteer'd another courſe, deſired to ſpeake with ſome men of command, and was brought firſt to my Maſter, from him after ſome houres pri-

Temple now both in *Dublin*, by especiall Command from the State, and upon ground as follows by those they brought into the Castle, untothe two Lord cheife Iustices, whether in all hast was summoned a Councell of Warre, after full debating of the matter, upon his descrie and true discovery what Companie was in the Castle, one part best to be assayled, how it might be taken, and the Ammunition preserved from being blowne up, which is ordinarily the desperate course of the *Irish*, when they are vanquisht) and converted to the Kings use, at last it was fully resolved on in this wise, that *Macke Fadding* should poynt the time when to be there, and the manner how the Castle should be assaulted, which if it were taken without any heavy losse, & the ammunition preserved, *Macke Fadding* should receive of the Lords Justices at his returne 100 markes out of the Kings Exchequer, but was to be pinnioned and to be guarded with two Souldiors to the place, who before his face had command with their Pistols to kill him the very first man, if they should perceive any treachery like to ensue by his meanes, *Macke Fadding* seemed very well content with the Proposition, 300. Fire-lockes, where forthwith to passe down in hoyes 2 leagues from the Sea, & so to land 9. myles beyond, the Rebels to shun descrying, they landed at 8. of the clocke at night at the high Land of *Dongarvall*, and had then 9. long myles to *Eniskinnin*, almost backe againe to *Dublin* but another way, it was darke and windy, which speeded our enterprize the better, our guides were very well skilled in those quarters appointed by the Counsell,

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some Souldiers would have *Fadding* not only pinnioned but ſpanned likewiſe, their reaſon was becauſe the Iriſh could ſhift as well with his legs as with his hands they being all on foote. *Fadding* not onely agreed unto it, but to give them the more ſatiſfaction deſired it, and ſpanned he was in ſuch manner that hee could but even goe, till betwixt two or three of the clocke in the morning, *Fadding* would not approach very neare: exceeding darke it was.

Fadding requeſted that thoſe ſixe which hee had cauſed to be armed with ſhort Dagger and Pole-axe, might goe along with him the other three hundred lying in ambuſh neare, as well they might, the ground all about the Caſtle, being growne with Fuſſes, in talneſſe above any ordinary mans height, the ſignall of their approach was a darke Lanthorne to be turned at what time *Fadding* ſhould thinke meet, hee lodgeth theſe men quite on the backe ſide of the Caſtle cleane behind the fore-gate where the Rebels Court of guard lay, our men wore no defenſive Armour, nor offenſive, ſave onely ſhort Horſe Swords and Firelocke, having ſixe Trumpets in company. *Fadding* led his men a private way through an old old Church or ruinated Chappell, diſpoſeth his men ſecretly in it as cloſe to the doore as could be, ſaying this onely to them, whom you ſee ſtoope to take up this Gold (ſhewing halfe a piece, which by ſome Lord had bin given him in the Caſtle of *Dublin* by ſome of the Lords) make ſure of him, and I warrant you all is ours, preſenrly he knock't at a blind wicket, and called in *Iriſh* another of his fellow ſervants, who preſently opened, and wiſhfully aſked him where he had been, where wee have had both Heretickes blood and

Gold quoth *Fadding*, and there take thou up that for thy paines, tis a good Angell, the Rebell seeking about for it, one of our men stepping to him, tooke him such a patt with a Poll-Axe, and another after him that he had quite left off seeking for it presently the Lanthorne was turned, and exalted upon a Pole, they presently with all hast, and as much silence approached, who were divided into three parts, one to goe up the Staires into the great Hall, where *Maroth* lay with all his Comerague, as the Irish manner is, a hundred made good the Entrance of the Magazine first of all, and before any noyse was made to be generally heard, the Six Poll-Axes, with *Fadding* and his Lanthorne, entred secetly the Magazine, being a Cave, or Sel'er, found in severall places of it but 7. deepe in sleep, and *Vsquebath*, as appeared by what stood by them, with whom the Poll-Axe-men tooke such an order, that they never wakec, then was the Cave presently guarded with someof our men within, and put up our other party into the Hall, where they had plide their Vsquebath so well that they were dead before they could be well awaked, *Fadding* was belike well acquainted with their houre of going to bed, no resistance at all in the Hall, where *Macke Maroth* was slaine himselfe, his two Sonnes and all his ragged retinue, and for their Court of guard without, some small resistance was made against our party that undertooke that, but it held not long neither, for of the 46. that were in the Court of Guard, not above halfe were incase to make any resistance; being either dead asleepe, or dead drunke, 3. men we had hurt there, one dyed since on Sunday last, and two slaine outright, we

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destroyed of them in the Castle one or other about 100. 43. for we spare none as they have not us, thus by Gods mercy have we gotten even without, not onely dammage, but even without bloud to speake of, and one of the most advantagious Victories if all things be weighed as ever was obtained in *Ireland*, there was 200 Barrels of Gun-powder, 2000. Muskets, 800. Pikes, seaven and forty Bigges of great shot, eighty Granadoes, 13. Chests of Musket Bullets, two Piles of halfe Culvering Bullets, eighty great Pieces, and for provision fourescore sackes of Meale, three Pipes of French wine, two Spanish, abundance of Cheese, thirty 3. Firkins of Butter, whersoever they got them, provision we deeme for two Moneths, for 2. Hundred men, a greater blow I doe verily thinke, hath not bin given unto the Rebells, (especially considering the ease in obtaining it) ever since they rose in rebellion, for heere was all the purchase their friends in Forraigne parts was able to afforde them, heere was both their Magazine, and their Armorie for Armes, that I am confident they have not the like among them, to have this taken from them without noyse, without stirre, yea almost without feeling, and that by the meanes of the chiefe Rebels (not only Countryman) but Servant, and that when divers Capitall Rebels lye with a power within Six Myles of it, this newes I hope, if ever any was, shall be matter of joy unto England.

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